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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design described in the application entitled *System and Method for State Preservation in a Stretch Cluster*, having inventors Victor V. Mashayekhi and Tau Leng, and attorney reference number 016295.0682. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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<u>Application</u> <u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Filed</u>	<u>Status</u>
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